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GSWC MEETING PROGRAMS

1:30 PM at the Education Center Auditorium
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus
5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti

April 6, 2008 – Learn about **The Genealogy Collection at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library** from **Irene Martin**, of the library's Local History and Genealogy Department. The class will be area librarians and historians talking about their facilities' collections.

April 27, 2008 – Grace Shackman will talk about **German Connections to Ann Arbor.** She is a history columnist for several Ann Arbor publications, as well as a writer for University of Michigan publications, and is the author of three books about Ann Arbor. The class will be a continuation of the discussion by area librarians and historians.

May 18, 2008 – Dick Doherty's topic is **Using the Internet for Irish Genealogy Research**. Dick is a noted genealogist, author, and past president of the Irish Genealogical Society. The 11th installment of **No Dumb Questions** will follow.

GSWC NOTICES

Welcome to New Members – Dennis Cherry (#1350) of Ann Arbor, Al Rudisill (#1351) of Ypsilanti, D. Kay Dwyer (#1352) of Saline, and Valerie Kabat (#1353) of Ypsilanti.

Changes of mailing address, phone, or email address should be sent to Barbara Giezentaner, GSWC Membership Chair, P.O. Box 706, Saline MI 48176-0706, or bgiez1@gmail.com.

PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE NEWS

GSWC member **Ruth McMahon** received an Award of Merit from the Federation of Genealogical Societies for her contributions to the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and the genealogical community. The Award is presented in recognition of meritorious service or distinguished work in genealogy and family history.

In addition to doing presentations for DSGR on many topics, Ruth worked on a large indexing project over many years. The result was an index covering 1935-1944, which is housed at the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library. Ruth is a Certified Genealogist for the Midwestern States. – FGS *Forum*

Chelsea District Library has been named the **Best Small Library** in America by *Library Journal*. Now in its fourth year, this annual award cosponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation encourages and showcases the exemplary work of public libraries serving populations under 25,000. Each year *LJ* solicits entries for the award from libraries whose high standards, innovative services, and commitment to their community make them extraordinary.

The library, which serves over 14,000 residents of the city of Chelsea, and the townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan, was chosen this year for its team-oriented approach that brings in a high number of volunteers and fosters ongoing innovation. Judges also noted the impressive use of its renovated historic facility; creative outreach programs that include book and movie discussions and monthly themed luncheons for seniors; kids and teen oriented programs; and aggressive adoption of technology to both improve the patron experience and increase public access to computers and the Internet. – *Chelsea Standard, January 24, 2008*

MEETING REPORTS

Note: Handouts from lectures and classes are filed at our joint library with the LDS FHC

Mr. Jim Jackson spoke at the December 2, 2007, meeting about **Locating Living Persons**. He was President of the DSGR in the mid 1970s, and the index editor of the *DSGR Magazine*, in addition to being a Past President of the Oakland County Genealogical Society. Jim is a current Vice President of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society and has written articles on Genealogical Computing for Heritage Quest. He has a list of pensioners on CD, and was the 2006 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award recipient.

To find a living person, you need to know the full name and date of birth. Jim recommended the telephone because it can be quicker than other methods of communication. He also uses double post cards for mass mailing to identified addresses. He suggested joining

local genealogical societies so that you can use queries which are often free for members. The membership often costs less than a classified ad.

Jim recommended using a research log to keep track of what you have done. Create a complete profile for the person you are trying to find, including education, licenses, hobbies, dates of important events, etc. Consider the fact that you may be looking for someone who doesn't want to be found. When you talk to people who may be able to help you, be upfront about the reason you are you looking for this person.

Some basic places to contact or consult are the US Post Office, retrospective telephone directories, and the *Haines Criss+Cross Directory*, or other reverse directory for large cities. Also try your public library, police reports, city or county permits, and licenses, such as dog, vendor, building, business etc.

The Social Security system has an on-line death index. You can send for the Social Security application for $26. If your person is not listed, maybe they belonged to a group that didn't participate in Social Security, or perhaps paid in but died before they received any money.

Property records, tax rolls, DBA and probate are other places to try. The Freedom of Information act opened up many new avenues. A few additional areas to try are newspaper personals ads, "Search" Magazine, and funeral homes. - *Marcia McCrary*

The class for December 2, 2007, was presented by **Gerilynn Cross Lynn** and **Joan Cross Hardiman.** They were members of the Old Settlers Reunion Committee of Mecosta, Isabella and Montcalm Counties, which produced a book about their families a few years ago. The committee also established a scholarship which is awarded to students who are direct descendents of the group. The majority of the African-American original settlers came from Morgan and Meigs Township, Muskingum County; and Hocking County, Ohio.

Thomas W. Cross, originally from Virginia, came to Michigan in 1869 from Ohio, and settled in Wheatland Township, Mecosta County. There is a website about this family at crossfamily1869.com/.

The Berry family moved from southwest Ontario to Morton Township, Mecosta County, Michigan in 1877. The website for this family is at berrymillardfamily.net/.

The Old Settlers committee was made up of 8 to 10 primary people, but more than 100 participated in the project. It took them five years to create their book. Four hundred copies were printed initially, followed by a second printing of 100 copies. Now it's time to write a follow-up book. The original book tells the stories about running away to Canada, the Underground Railroad, the arrival in Michigan, quilts which are now in the Smithsonian Institute, and a family member in Alan Kamuda's *Hands across Michigan,* a book about crafts in Michigan which includes an ancestor who was an herbalist. They also talked about the Cross Church, which was also called the Wheatland Church of Christ, and their family's ties to the founding of this church.

- *Marcia McCrary*

(Editor's note: visit oldsettlersreunion.com for more information)

Dr. James McConnell, a member of the Michigan Historical Commission, spoke January 27, 2008, on **Traveling the Oregon Trail**.

The story of the Oregon Trail is important to American history, and to genealogists, because it is the story of people moving from east to west. The Great Migration began in 1843, with 800 to 1,000 people making the westward journey from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon City, Oregon. Their motivation was to find better land and new opportunities in response to the economic depression in the eastern states.

The travelers faced many challenges besides severe weather and unfamiliar territory. They were prepared to never again see family and friends left behind in the east. Because they never expected to return east, they attempted to carry as many belongings as possible, in addition to food and supplies needed for the journey itself. Many of those possessions were left scattered along the trail as the terrain

became more difficult and the advantages of a lighter load more apparent.

The travelers gathered in late winter to early spring to begin the journey. Their first decision concerned the type of animal to pull their wagon – horse, mule or ox. Most probably chose the ox for strength and endurance. The wagons were 8 to12 feet long and 4 to 6 feet wide, with two axles. Whenever possible, they traveled spread out across the prairie, forming a single file only when crossing streams or going up and down steep ravines.

After crossing into what is now Kansas, the Oregon Trail veered northwest to Ft. Kearney, Nebraska, then westerly through Wyoming where it dips south at South Pass to Fort Bridger, then north to Soda Springs, Idaho, continuing west to the current state border, turning northward to Baker City, Oregon, and west again to terminate at Oregon City. Settlers heading to California could take the same trail, turning south a Fort Hall, Idaho. The Oregon Trail was not the only factor in aiding westward expansion. Settlements were established along the Mormon Trail to Utah between 1846-47; gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California in 1848; the Pony Express began serving communities in 1860; and the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869. By 1890 there was no longer a clearly defined frontier in the west.

Dr. McConnell's handouts included a bibliography, timeline, and maps. – *Jane Nye*

GSWC members presented a class on their ancestors **Coming to America**. **Connie Olson** spoke about the 1630 voyage of the *Mary and John*. Passengers on this ship were from the west counties Devon, Somerset and Dorset, England. Some sources consider the *Mary and John* part of the Winthrop fleet, which is incorrect as the Winthrop passengers came from East Anglia, England.

The Reverend John White was the driving force in recruiting immigrants, as he was concerned about the spiritual needs of the Puritan settlers in the New World. Rev. White specifically recruited families from the middle class of carpenters and other tradesmen. About 140 people, or 48 family units, met at Plymouth, England, on March 20, 1630, and sailed for Boston Bay. After 10 weeks at sea, they landed at Narraganset, as the Captain refused to go further, and established a settlement at Dorchester. About five years later, two-thirds of the settlers had moved about 100 miles west and founded Windsor, Connecticut. They continued north along the Connecticut River, establishing Fairfield and Simsbury, Connecticut, and Northampton and Hadley, Massachusetts. It is estimated there are over 40 million descendents of the original passengers of the *Mary and John*.

Carolyn Griffin spoke about the 1700 French Huguenot settlement at Manakin, Virginia. The Huguenots had fled France due to religious persecution and settled in Great Britain. This created some tension within England. William Byrd, of the Virginia settlement, suggested the Huguenots be transported to the American colonies. King William and the Archbishop of Canterbury contributed funds, ships, and supplies. Virginia offered 133 acres of land to each family.

On April 19, 1700, the Huguenots set sail in four ships, arriving 13 weeks later on June 23, 1700. Of the 207 original immigrants, 81 remained in Manakin. Others split with the church and settled in New Bern, North Carolina.

Barbara Giezentaner spoke about her German ancestors who settled in Buffalo, Erie County, New York, in the mid-nineteenth century. By 1855, 31,000 of Buffalo's population of 74,000 were German. Most of the German immigrants were skilled tradesmen.

United States census records provide a variety of information concerning immigration, especially the 1900-1930 schedules, which ask for the year of immigration and whether naturalized. From 1850 to 1930, place of birth was also noted. In addition, church records, cemetery records, and obituaries can provide immigration clues. The *Germans to America* series is extremely helpful. This set indexes German passenger lists from January 1840 through June 1897.

German immigrants arriving in New York between 1855 and 1890 entered at Castle Garden, which predated Ellis Island. The fee for transportation from New York City to Buffalo was $3.00. Some unscrupulous vendors charged unsuspecting arrivals as much as $6.00. Once in Buffalo, the Germans settled on the east side,

establishing churches, schools, newspapers, and singing clubs. – *Jane Nye*

HANDY WEBSITES AND OTHER TIPS

Send yours to bgiez1@gmail.com

American Ancestors of Michigan Governors, which was compiled by the late Dr. Joseph Druse of Lansing from secondary sources, can be found at friendsofallencounty.org/. To search the database, click on "Family Files & Databases," then "American Ancestors of Michigan Governors." A print or CD copy of the entire database may be obtained by contacting the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society at P.O. Box 16033, Lansing MI 48901-6033, or rootsweb.com/~mimmgs

Ancestry Aficionados can visit the **Chelsea District Library,** 221 S. Main St., Chelsea, on the last Tuesday of each month from 10 A.M. until noon, and join fellow genealogists in the library's Learning Lab to share research ideas and get help from trained volunteers. Registration is requested. Call 734-475-8732.

Know a beginning genealogist, or want to learn how to use the Internet for your genealogy research? **Genealogy Basics classes** are being offered at **Chelsea District Library** on the following Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM: April 14 (Heritage Quest), April 21 (Ancestry Library Edition) & April 28 (Michigan Genealogy Resources). Registration is required. Call 734-475-8732.

The National Archives (NARA) has received funding to reinstate evening and weekend hours beginning April 14, 2008, in the archival research rooms in the National Archives Building and the National Archives at College Park in Washington D.C. Visitors will now be able to conduct research on three consecutive nights, Wednesday through Friday until 9 PM, a great benefit for out-of-town researchers.

Hours on Monday and Tuesday will continue to be 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. In conjunction with this extension, NARA will provide the additional service of pulling records from the stacks at 3:30 P.M. on the three weekdays that the rooms are open in the evening. As was the case prior to October 2006, there will be no records pulled on Saturday.

For links to **76 free on-line classes and guides** for genealogists, go to www.thegfiles.net/?p=92.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

April 17-19, 2008 – The Ohio Genealogical Society annual conference, *Navigating the Past: Charting a Course for Your Family Tree*, will be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Cincinnati. This year's program includes a broad range of presentations for all skill levels. There are 50 programs with many nationally known speakers. The program committee has included many new topics and some new speakers that are sure to interest you. The program schedule and registration information is available at www.ogs.org/conference2008/.

May 14-17, 2008 – The 30th National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Family History Fair happens in Kansas City, Missouri. This conference, *Show Me the Nation's Records*, will feature sessions on record types from across the country. The full program is available online at www.ngsgenealogy.org. Register by March 31, 2008, for reduced early-bird fees.

May 30- June 1, 2008 – *Wired Genealogy*, the 2008 Ontario Genealogical Society Conference will be offered at Fanshawe College, London, Ontario. Explore how technology and the Internet can enhance genealogical research. Visit the web page at ogs.on.ca/conference.

June 19-21, 2008 – Palatines to America has announced its National Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio, and sponsored by the Ohio Chapter. Speakers for this event will be Marion Wolfert, Maralyn Wellauer, Meldon Wolfgang, Roberta Estes, Ken Smith, Ann Miller and Barbara Nuehring. For more information, see the society's Web site www.palam.org.

For seminars and workshops farther afield, see www.trumba.com/calendars/eogns.calendar or www.fgs.org/fgs-calendar.asp.

SARAH DOTY MCLOUTH
OF NEW YORK AND WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Research by Margaret Freeman, Farmington Hills, Michigan

One day in the spring of 2006, in the Archives of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, Maria Davis, Archives Assistant, pointed to a very old interesting framed picture of a lovely lady. It was hanging on the back wall.[1] She told me the subject's name and that she was the wife of an early professor at the Michigan State Normal School, (or the 'Normal' as it was generally called) now Eastern Michigan University. She wondered what the occasion was that merited making the picture. Could it have been her wedding picture? Just who was this Sarah Doty McLouth?

I was hooked. I offered to investigate these mysteries. As a longtime family genealogist and member of the Washtenaw County Genealogy Society, I had experience in these searches. I began by using the usual tools of genealogical research: census, county histories, libraries, old newspapers, museums, and Internet sources.

Little was known about Sarah, except her name and that she was the wife of Lewis McLouth, professor at the Normal from 1869 to 1885. Information on professors from earlier years at the University remains scant. So began the pursuit of solving the mystery of the life and times of Sarah Doty McLouth.

Description of the Picture

The picture with frame measures 24 ½ inches high by 21 ½ inches wide. The oval photograph measures 14 inches by 11 inches. A referral was obtained from Dr. John C. Dann, Director of the William L. Clements Library[2] to Wes Cowan, noted Americana historian and auctioneer,[3] for an accurate description of the picture. Mr. Cowan stated, "This is a hand-

tinted albumen photograph. If I had to guess, judging by the frame, from the mid 1860's – 1870's. This type of photograph was most popular immediately after the Civil War, until about 1875, or so."

In this time period, women were typically photographed with hair parted in the center and styled to make the face look wider. Fashionable dark dresses were worn with white collars fastened by a ribbon or pin. The white collars could easily be detached and laundered while the dark dress required little care. The person's lips were usually tightly closed, possibly to conceal poor dentition, but also to allow the subject to more easily remain still for the long exposure time required by the cameras of this era.[4]

Sarah Anne Doty

Sarah Anne Doty was born 21 June 1834 in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. She was the daughter of Solomon Doty, born 14 January 1797 in Clinton Corners, Dutchess County, New York, and Elizabeth (Betsey) Douglas Williams, born 7 June 1801 in Saratoga, New York. Sarah is a direct line descendant of Edward Doty, who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620.[5] Her line of descent follows:

Edward Doty, b. ca. 1598; m. Faith Clarke, b. ca. 1617[6]
Isaac Doty, b. 8 February 1648; m. Elizabeth England, b. 1651
Samuel Doty, b. 1695; m. Charity Mudge, b. 1699
Charles Doty, b. 1730; m. Elizabeth Titus, b. 8 July 1737
Solomon Doty, b. 1769; m. Hannah Shaw, b. 1776
Solomon Doty, b. 14 January 1797; m. Elizabeth Douglas Williams, b. 7 June 1801
Sarah A. Doty, b. 21 June 1834; m. Lewis McLouth, b. 21 August 1835.[7]

Sarah's parents, Solomon Doty and Betsey Douglas Williams, were married in Saratoga, New York, in 1822. Their children were:

i. Mary S. (Mary Elizabeth), b. 22 October 1824 in Rochester, New York. Her tombstone is in the East Cemetery Plot of Mt. Hope, Rochester, New York.
ii. Jerome, b. 20 December 1826 in Rochester, New York. His tombstone is in the East Cemetery Plot of Mt. Hope, Rochester, New York.
iii. Alonzo Morgan, b. 23 July 1828 in Rochester, New York.
iv. Caroline Camilla, b. 19 August 1831 in Rochester, New York.
v. Sarah Anne, b. 23 June 1834 in Rochester, New York.
vi. Mary Elizabeth, b. 2 September 1840 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Her tombstone is in Fairview Cemetery, Ann Arbor.
vii. Payson McKendree, b. 7 April 1844 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

By 1827, Solomon Doty can be found listed in the Directory of the Village of Rochester, New York, with an occupation of shoemaker.[8] He was engaged in the boot and shoe trade for twelve years in Rochester, New York, having moved to Rochester in the year of 1824.[9]

Cemetery records of known burials in Mt Hope in the East Cemetery plot in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, include the two oldest children of Solomon and Elizabeth Doty. The gravestone markers are now illegible but many other sources, as listed above, suggest that these two children died in 1827.[10]

In 1836, the Doty Family, including Solomon, Betsey, Alonzo, age 8, Caroline, age 5, and Sarah, age 2, removed to the Lower Town of Ann Arbor, Michigan.[11] At that time, early pioneers of this area were fully determined that Ann Arbor should be located on the north, or lower side, of the Huron River. Here, Solomon purchased a house from James Jones, Esq. It had been the first frame house built in Ann Arbor's Lower Town.[12] Mr. Doty also purchased property from Jonathan H. Lund on 4 December 1838, where he established a boot and shoe business on Broadway Street.[13]

On 12 September 1840, Mary Elizabeth was born in Ann Arbor. Just two weeks before her fourth birthday, she passed away on 29 August 1844. She was buried in the Fifth Ward (Fairview) Cemetery, Lower Town, Ann Arbor in the plot with her parents.[14]

In 1841, Sarah's brother Alonzo, age 13, after attending the district and select schools of the area, entered the all male University Preparatory School in Ann Arbor. He was one of 23 students in the first year of operation.[15] By age 15, Alonzo joined his father in the boot and shoe business in Ann Arbor's Lower Town.[16]

Then in 1849, he went to Oberlin College in Ohio,[17] after which he spent a summer teaching. He then attended and graduated from Gregory College, the first commercial college established in Detroit.[18] In 1853, he opened a boot and shoe store on Main Street in Ann Arbor.[19] In 1858, he was married to Miss Augusta Gardner, daughter and only child of Gilbert and Mabel Baldridge Gardner, of Northfield, Michigan.[20] They had eight children. In addition to the mercantile business, Alonzo had a 100 acre farm in Ann Arbor Township, which produced wheat and other produce. He held several offices of trust, among which were Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Ann Arbor Township for 22 years. Alonzo remained in the boot and shoe business for forty years with his father, Solomon, until his death.[21] George Feiner then joined Alonzo in the boot and shoe business at 7 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor.[22]

It could be assumed that Sarah and her older sister Caroline also attended the local district schools. Women were not admitted to the University in Ann Arbor at this time. However, the college that her brother Alonzo attended, Oberlin in Ohio, did admit women during this time period. Oberlin College was the first college in America to admit women.[23] To date, no educational information has been discovered on Sarah Doty McLouth.

Payson McKendree Doty joined the Solomon Doty family on 7 April 1844. Later years find him living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is married with children and working in real estate.[24]

The Solomon Doty family can be found in the 1830 census of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, and in the 1850 census of Ann Arbor, Fifth Ward.[25]

By the 1860 census, Emma Clark, age 15, was also found living in the Solomon Doty household. Sarah's sister, Caroline, was no longer found in the Solomon Doty family household.[26] Probably just prior to that census, she married John E. Clark. He enlisted as a commissioned officer in the Civil War, from Ypsilanti, at age 30. Captain Clark left Detroit on 4 December 1862 with the 5th Cavalry, Company K. During the war he was promoted to Major. After the war he was discharged on 1 July 1865.[27] By 1877 he was a professor at Yale University.[28] By 1880 John E. and Carolyn C. Clark can still be found living in New Haven, Connecticut. He was a professor of Mathematics at Yale. They were the parents of two daughters, Helen A. and Alice T., and one son, William R.[29]

Shortly after the 1860 census, on 30 December 1860, Mr. Lewis McLouth and Miss Sarah A. Doty were married by Rev. F.A. Blades.[30] Lewis was the son of Farley and Mary Doty McLouth. Sarah and Lewis were first cousins. Sarah's father, Solomon Doty and Lewis's mother, Mary Doty McLouth, were brother and sister, siblings from a large family of 14 children. Their mutual grandparents were Solomon Doty, born 1769 and Hannah Shaw, born 1776. In June 1861, the married couple moved to Ontonagon, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where Lewis held the position of Principal at the Union School.[31]

In Ann Arbor, on 10 September 1861, Sarah's father, Solomon Doty, died of congestive fever at age 64.[32] He left no will. His estate was valued at $5,000. Heirs were Betsey D., widow; Alonzo, son; Caroline C. Clark, wife of John E. Clark, daughter of deceased; Payson M. Doty, son, residing in Ann Arbor; and Sarah McLouth, wife of Lewis McLouth, daughter residing in Ontonagon, Michigan. The estate was divided among the heirs.[33] Solomon Doty was buried in the Fifth Ward Cemetery, now Fairview Cemetery, Lower Town, Ann Arbor, next to his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Doty.

Within two months of her father's death, on 6 November 1861, Sarah gave birth to their first child, Fanny C. McLouth. In the years to come, Lewis and Sarah's family grew to include nine children, as shown in the census of 1870[34] and 1880.[35]

i. Fanny C., b. 6 November 1861
ii. Lawrence Amos, b. 19 January 1863
iii. Bessie Caroline, b. 30 August 1864

iv. Lewis Clarke, b. 7 June 1866
v. Mary (Mamie), b. 1868
vi. Sarah Clara, b. 8 March 1869
vii. Farley Payson, b. 27 August 1870
viii. Ida, b. 1872
ix. Bennie Fuller, b. 11 March 1874

By 1869, Lewis McLouth had begun teaching at the Normal, in Ypsilanti. In the 1870 census, he was 34 years old and a Professor of History and Geography. His real estate was valued at $2,000 and his personal worth was $2,000. Sarah McLouth, age 35 years was listed as keeping house. The oldest child in the household was Lawrence, age 8, at school. Bessie C., age 6, Lewis C., age 4, Mary C., age 2 and Sarah C., age 1, are at home. A female domestic servant of age 19 was employed. The Ypsilanti City Directory of 1873-74, page 65, lists Lewis McLouth residence as 23 Normal St. Sometime after 1862 and before 1870, Fanny C. McLouth, the oldest daughter, must have passed away. She was not in the 1870 census and by 1882 Bessie was referred to as the oldest daughter.[36]

Still living in Lower Town of Ann Arbor's Fifth Ward was Sarah's mother Betsey Doty, now a widow of 70 years. No real estate or personal values were listed.[37] The Ann Arbor City Directory of 1868 and 1872 lists Mrs. Doty, widow, residing at 19 Pontiac (now Pontiac Trail), north.[38]

Also living in Lower Town was Sarah's brother, Alonzo M. Doty, age 41, with an occupation of boot and shoes, real estate value $4,000, personal value $4,000, living with wife Augusta, age 37 years, and children.[39] The Ann Arbor City Directory of 1868 and 1872 listed Alonzo M. Doty, boot and shoe store at 14 Broadway; residence at 38 Pontiac, north.[40]

In 1875, Sarah's mother, Betsey D. Doty, at age 74, moved from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti to live with her daughter Sarah. When living in Rochester, New York, Mrs. Doty had united with the Presbyterian Church, but did not unite with any denomination in Ann Arbor because she unfortunately had become so deaf, that for the last 45 years, she could not hear a sermon. On the 27 March 1877, Betsey D. Doty, died in Sarah's home in Ypsilanti. She was buried next to her husband Solomon and daughter Mary Elizabeth, in the Fifth Ward (Fairview) Cemetery, Lower Town, Ann Arbor.[41]

The Normal School in Ypsilanti included a Model School (later known as Roosevelt) for children from 10 to 16 years of age that was taught by a Principal teacher and the students of the senior class.[42] Sarah enrolled her children in that program beginning with Lawrence in 1873, Bessie in 1874, Lewis C. in 1876, Mary (Mamie) in 1878, Sarah (Sadie) in 1879, Farley in 1880, and Bennie in 1884. At age 16, the students would move on to the curriculum of the Michigan State Normal School.

The year 1880 passed with all of the family intact and their lives maintaining the usual status and pace. Lawrence, in his fourth year and Bessie in her first year, had completed the 1881-1882 year term at the Normal.[43] That same year, as a prelude to the commencement proper, the seniors and faculty were tendered a reception by Mrs. Dr. McLouth and Mrs. Prof. George at the home of Dr. McLouth, a pleasant occasion.[44]

Then came the 20th of July 1882, when Bessie Caroline McLouth took ill. Within a week, by 27 July 1882, she was gone, claimed by the dreaded typhoid fever. Bessie had not affiliated with a particular religious organization, but engaged in private prayer. She was eulogized at length by Prof. D. Putnam.[45] He recalled her educational years spent entirely at the Normal. He stated that as the eldest daughter of a large family, her equable disposition, unusual maturity, and happy temperament made her particularly useful to her parents. She found great pleasure in relieving her mother of the sometime heavy burdens of this large household.[46]

In 1882, Lawrence Amos graduated in the language courses. In 1883-1884, Lewis C. and Mary C. (Mamie) completed their first year

at the Normal and their second year in 1884-1885.[47]

At the end of the 1885 spring term Prof. Lewis McLouth resigned his position at the Normal. He had been connected with the Normal school for seventeen years. The *Ypsilanti Commercial* newspaper praised Prof. McLouth with the following. "No professor ever connected with the school had shown a greater devotion or enthusiasm. He was ever on the alert to not simply keep pace, but advance the department of chemistry, astronomy and scientific research. His happy method of imparting instruction, pleasant, humorous manner, interested and enthused his classes. Our citizens are sorry to part with him and his family. We congratulate the Agricultural College in capturing a great prize."[48] The Normal students presented Prof. McLouth with a chair to adorn his future position at the Agricultural College, a very thoughtful gift.[49] By the early summer of 1885, he took a new position as professor of physics at the Michigan State Agricultural College in Lansing. At the June commencement of 1885, Prof. McLouth was invited to address the graduates of the Normal School. The class will never forget the thoughts and advice tendered by their experienced Professor of the Normal, now here only in spirit.[50]

By autumn of 1886, McLouth went to the Dakota Agricultural College in Brookings, South Dakota, where he assumed the position of President, the second person to hold that title. The construction of many buildings occurred on campus during his tenure. McLouth also privately built Woodbine Cottage as a residence for his wife Sarah and their family.[51]

Woodbine Cottage is a Queen Anne Revival style of architecture. This type of architecture is known for its asymmetrical design, its steeply pitched gable roofs and the use of a tower somewhere in its design. The design for Woodbine Cottage came from a book of plans published by a Hartford, Connecticut, firm, Pallister and Pallister Co. The plan book was originally published in 1878. Woodbine Cottage was recently restored (2005) to its original specifications. It is on the list of National Historical Places and has served primarily as the home of the president of the South Dakota State College since 1903. The college purchased Woodbine in 1896.[52]

While living in Brookings, Lewis and Sarah McLouth were associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend Lewis McLouth was the local preacher and Sarah A. McLouth was a member.[53]

McLouth's time in office was marked by the continued growth and development of the school. After ten years, in 1896, Lewis McLouth, age 61, resigned his position of President of Dakota Agricultural College.[54]

In 1900, in the Bronx Borough, City of New York, Lewis, age 64 and Sarah McLouth, age 65, were found living in the household with their oldest son, Lawrence A. McLouth and his wife, Martha. Also in residence was Farley McLouth, age 28, brother of Lawrence and son of Lewis and Sarah. Lawrence, age 37, was a Proffessor (sic) of German, and had been married to Martha for 16 years. Lewis was a teacher and Farley was an artist. Lewis and Sarah had been married for 40 years. Sarah had birthed nine children and six were living. Martha had no children.[55]

It is assumed that the deceased children of Lewis and Sarah Doty McLouth were Fanny C., born 1861, Bessie C., born 1864, and Ida, born 1872. Still living in 1900 were Lawrence A., born 1863, Lewis C., born 1866, Mary (Mamie), born 1868, Sarah C. (Sadie), born 1869, Farley P., born 1870 and Benjamin Fuller, born 1874.

Prof. Lawrence Amos McLouth, (1863-1927) was born at Ontonagon, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1887. He studied in Germany and returned to the U of M as an instructor in German. In 1895, he became a professor of Germanic languages at New York University.[56] Lawrence A. McLouth married Martha L. Robinson on December 31, 1883 in Ionia, Michigan. They had one daughter, Carol, born 4 October 1912 at New York City, New York.[57]

Prof. Lewis Clarke McLouth, (1866-) of Davenport, Iowa, married Cornelia E. Howland on June 14, 1893, in the Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti. One of the ushers was Mr. Doty of Ann Arbor, the groom's cousin. Among others, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. McLouth attended the wedding. Miss Howland was one of Ypsilanti's fairest daughters, and she will be much missed in social circles.[58] Lewis and Cornelia had four sons, Lewis H., Lawrence W., Benjamin D., and Bruce P. In 1900, the family was living in East Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and Lewis was a professor.[59] By 1910, they were back in Ypsilanti, where Lewis was teaching.[60]

Mary (Mamie) McLouth, (1868-) married Prof. Arthur B. Cordley, (1864-1936) in 1893. He graduated from Michigan Agricultural College in 1888. He went to Oregon State University as a professor of zoology and an entomologist in 1895. He became dean of the school of agriculture in 1908. He was a very successful researcher and also was director of the experiment station from 1914-1920. He was an avid football fan and chairman of the board of athletic control from 1924-1931. Arthur B. and Mary McLouth Cordley had one daughter, Dorothea Cordley Muth.[61]

Sarah Clara (Sadie) McLouth, (1869-1941) married Theodore A. Stanley (1864-1917) on June 21, 1888 in Brookings, South Dakota. Mr. Stanley was a farmer in New Britain, Hartford County, Connecticut, where he had been born. They had six children, including four sons, Lawrence M., Frederick N., Howard W., and Theodore M. and two daughters, Marion and Katherine.[62] Only five children were still living by the time of the 1900 census.[63]

Prof. Farley Doty McLouth (1870-1923) was in Corvallis, Oregon, in 1910, living in the home of his brother-in-law, Arthur B. Cordley. Farley's occupation was professor of art at Oregon State College in Corvallis. By 1920, he was married to Mildred E. Brahe, with a son, Farley, age 3 years.[64] Farley McLouth was also an artist who exhibited with the California Art Club.[65] After Farley's death, Mildred moved to San Francisco, lived with her mother, and worked as a curator in a museum.[66]

Benjamin (Brunie) Fuller McLouth (1874-1947) was married to Susan V. They had two children, Benjamin F. and Marjorie S. They were found living in Los Angeles, California in 1910, with Benjamin's occupation of actuary.[67] By 1920, they were living in Glendale, California, with Benjamin's occupation of accountant.[68] By 1930, they were living in Beverly Hills, California, and Benjamin's occupation was broker.[69] Benjamin died in Ventura, California, on 9 December 1947 at age 73 years.[70]

After resigning from the State Agricultural College of South Dakota, Lewis McLouth took up residence in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he organized and took charge of the Intercollegiate Branch of the Home Correspondence School.[71]

On 7 December 1909, Lewis McLouth, age 74, died in New Britain, Connecticut, probably at the home of his daughter, Sarah C. and her husband, Theodore A. Stanley.[72] Burial site is not known.

In 1910, Sarah Doty McLouth was found in Corvallis, Oregon, living with Arthur B. Cordley and Mary C., his wife and the daughter of Sarah. Arthur and Mary C. Cordley had been married 17 years and had one daughter, Dorothea M. Also in the household was Farley D. McLouth, brother-in-law of Arthur Cordley and son of Sarah. Both men were professors at the College.[73]

On Monday, December 8, 1919, this article appeared on the bottom of page one of the *Daily Ypsilantian Press*:

MRS SARAH MCLOUTH IS TAKEN ON SUNDAY

Mrs. Sarah B. (sic) McLouth, mother of L McLouth, of this city, died at the home of her son, Dr. Lawrence A. McLouth of New York University Sunday morning. The remains will be brought to Ypsilanti for burial in Highland Cemetery, by Dr.

> McLouth and her daughter, Mrs. Sadie McLouth Stanley of New Britton (sic), Conn. Her husband was the late Dr. Lois (sic) McLouth, who was connected with the Normal College for 18 years.

The December 11, 1919 issue of the same newspaper states, in the Social Events column on page two:

> MRS. STANLEY GUEST
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> Several quiet little social gatherings have been held this week in honor of Mrs. Sadie McLouth Stanley, who is visiting her brother, L. McLouth. Mrs. Stanley expects to return to her home in New Britton (sic), Conn. on Friday.

Having lived to the age of 85 years, Sarah Doty McLouth, often referred to as Mrs. Prof. McLouth, now lies buried in an unmarked grave in Block 81, lot #7, grave # 2 in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Dwarfed by the large monuments adjacent, a small memorial stone marks grave #1 reading "BESSIE": DIED 1882. Grave #3 appears to be vacant. No other McLouths are buried in Highland Cemetery.

Sarah Doty McLouth lived a long and productive life. Society assumed in those times, that a woman's role was taken for granted. She was a helpmate to her husband. Women experienced disadvantages in education and economic resources. Property deeds were in the man's name. A wife's inheritance went to the husband.[74] These social issues followed Sarah when she came to Ann Arbor's Lower Town in the early pioneer year of 1836. Indeed, these issues appeared to follow her throughout her lifetime. Only a few records have been found that specifically document Sarah's life. She lives through the recordings and the accomplishments of her siblings and of her husband and children, mostly the males of the family. No stone marks her grave. Only the photograph of Sarah Doty McLouth in the Eastern Michigan Library Archives[75] remains to memorialize Sarah.

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[1] In August 1990 this picture was sent to EMU at the direction of Grace Meisel and Ruth Porretta, nieces who had cared for Dr. McLouth in his last years and who had administered the settlement of his estate. A telephone interview on January 29, 2007 with Ruth Porretta verified that the Sarah Doty McLouth picture was sent from the estates of O. Henry and Mary McLouth Cordley Muth, the daughter of Arthur B. and Mary McLouth Cordley, and the granddaughter of Lewis and Sarah Doty McLouth. Ruth Hilferink Porretta and Grace Meisel were nieces of O. Henry Muth.

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PETITIONERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SALINE CIRCUIT, MICHIGAN, 1842

One of very few references to the existence of a Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Saline area is found in Book 1 of *Washtenaw County Miscellaneous Records 1*, 1838-1893.

It is known that such a society met in Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, although no records have been located (2007). The Methodist Episcopal Church Circuit of Saline, according to Pilcher, (*Early Methodism in Michigan*, 1895) included Clinton, Monroe, Macon, and Manchester. Some of the family names below are found before 1850 in the Manchester area.

The petitioners "respectfully requested" the preacher in charge of the Saline Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church to grant a letter [of dismissal] in order to join the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A letter stating that these persons have been acceptable members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Saline Circuit and have withdrawn was signed on 19 March 1842 by Robert Triggs, Circuit Preacher.

The petitioners:

James Hudson
Mary Jane Hudson
Mary Ingraham
Trowbridge Surdam
George J. Barker
Thomas Ockrow
John W. Surdam
John S. Barker
Maria Barker
Jesse A. Barker
Jane Ockrow
Monroe Ingraham
Clarissa Freeman
Clarissa Hudson
Susannah Surdam
Mary May
Delia May
William May
Velorus Lamson
Mary Lamson
Jane Baldwin
Marian Willcox
Catharine More
Elizabeth Hogle
Mary Ann Hogle
John Hogle
Charles H. Hoy
Mary E. Barker
Lois Baldwin
Sarah Gillet

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DEATH BY FIRE
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS. LAMAR (HELEN BROWN & HER DAUGHTER GENEVIEVE, 1914

Contributed by Karen L. Jenter, Manchester, Michigan

My great grandfather, Ernest Christian Jenter, started the Jenter Funeral Home in Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1884. His son, my grandfather, Arthur Ernest Jenter, continued the business and passed it on to my father, Ronald Arthur Jenter. My father sold the business when he retired in December 1989.

The funeral business must be in my blood. I never wanted to be a mortician, but I spend a lot of time in cemeteries, and at the library looking up obituaries.

I am fortunate to have several old funeral home books in my possession. I have learned the importance of these records as a genealogist for over 20 years. I spend a lot of time transcribing and copying original records to make them available.

The earliest book that I have lists deaths from 1905 through 1915. An entry in 1914 caught my eye. Listed for 16 May was the entry Mrs. and Miss Brown. My first thought was that maybe Mrs. Brown had died in childbirth along with her infant daughter, but in checking the tombstone reading for the Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester (Oak Grove Cemetery Book No. 2, library of K.L. Jenter) I found the following:

> Brown, LeMar, 1850-1904,
> Brown, Helen B., 1857-1914, his wife,
> Brown, Genevieve, 1885-1914, their daughter.

At her death Mrs. Brown was 57; her daughter Genevieve was 29. I decided to go to the Manchester District Library and check microfilm for further information in the weekly paper, the *Manchester Enterprise*.

In the Thursday 21 May 1914 edition of the paper was the following death notice: "DIED-BROWN-In Yuma, Arizona, from suffocation in smoke and fire, Mrs. Helen Bernice Hough-Brown, aged 57 years. Also at the same time and place, her daughter, Miss Olive Genevieve Brown, aged 29 years. The remains were brought to their former home, Manchester and buried 18th May 1914 in Oak Grove Cemetery."

Helen Hough was born in Ottawa, Ohio, on 15 June 1857. She came with her parents to Manchester Township when she was very young. She married LeMar Brown from Bridgewater Township on 15 February 1878. Their daughter, Genevieve, was born on 3 November 1885. They lived on their farm in Bridgewater Township until 1898 when they moved to Manchester. While living in Manchester, Mrs. Brown was a member of the 20th Century Club and took a great interest in all things literary. She was also a member of the W.R.C., the Woman's Relief Corps.

Genevieve graduated from Manchester High School in 1904, the year her father died. Her love of music led her to the Ypsilanti Conservatory of Music; she graduated in 1909 with courses in instrumental and vocal music. Later that year Genevieve and her mother moved to Alpena, Michigan, where Genevieve was the organist for a large church.

In 1910 Genevieve and her mother moved to California, where Mrs. Brown's brother, Will Hough lived. Genevieve taught music in the Dinuba, California, school system. The next year Genevieve and her mother relocated to Yuma, Arizona, where Genevieve also taught. She had just accepted an invitation to teach there again the following year when tragedy struck.

They resided in the Imperial Hotel in rooms on the second floor. On 11 May 1914, at about 12:20 a.m., fire broke out in the back of the building. An alarm was quickly sounded, but by the time firemen arrived flames engulfed

most of the building. A gentleman in rooms on the second floor near the Browns heard the alarm and ran into the hall. Flames and smoke prevented him from turning back to warn the Browns. He escaped by forcing out a screen in a nearby window and sliding down a column to the ground.

After the flames were extinguished, most of the building was nothing but a burned out shell. Firemen located the bodies of three women at the top of the staircase. Based on the position of the bodies, Genevieve Brown was attempting to shield her mother who had fallen. Another young woman, Miss Naomi Strong, was found near the Browns with a hose in her hands. The hose was there for fire fighting purposes. She was likely attempting to attach the hose to a water hydrant when smoke and flames must have overcome her. Two heroic young women lost their lives trying to save others.

Will Hough accompanied the remains of his sister and niece on a train to Manchester. A large gathering of sorrowing friends met the train at the depot in Manchester on Monday, May 18, and accompanied the remains to the home of Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. M. N. Hough. Later that afternoon the remains of Genevieve and her mother were laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery beside those of LeMar Brown, father and husband.

Will Hough brought the May 12 edition of the *Yuma Examiner* with him from Arizona. It gave a full account of the fire. Many people barely escaped with their lives. Only three died, Mrs. Brown, her daughter Genevieve, and Miss Naomi Strong.

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ELEANOR CHASE MOTT FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This family Bible is located at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan. They have graciously allowed us to transcribe the family record for our *Bible Record Registry.*

The Holy Bible, Stereotyped by J. Howe. Philadelphia, Hartford, Ct. Published by Andrus & Judd, 1833.

Written near the inside cover: Eleanor Chase Freeport May the 16 1836

Chester Riley Mott was born July 5th 1813
Eleanor Chase was born March 12th 1812
Married May 17th 1838
Harriet Elizabeth Mott was born October 12th 1839
Eugene Mott was born October 14th A.D. 1846
Eugene Mott died July 9th 1850
Ella E. Mott was born March 14th 1851

On the next page is a drawing of the Feast of Tabernacles.
Written on the top: Eleanor Mott June 14th 1838

GSWC Bible Record Registry

STRAYS

Ann Arbor Courier, Sept. 9, 1881.p. 3.

Thomas Boner, formerly of this city now running on the "Keeweenaw," from Sandusky Point to St. Ignace, was in the city yesterday. He says that on the down trip fifteen dead bodies were taken on at Lexington, and brought down for burial at other places, and that we can hardly conceive the awful destruction of the fires in the north woods (Personals)

BERRY FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

Contributed By Mrs. Ellsworth G. Peebles

MARRIAGES

George Berry was married to Mary Peebles April 10, 1810.
He was married to Polly Hamilton the 20th of June 1815.
Betsey Berry was married to Alvah Keep Nov. 20, 1841.
Franklin Berry was married to Malinda Haker Feb. 1835.
William H. Berry was married to Phebe H. Thompson Apr 18, 1849.
Erastus Berry was married to Harriet L. Thompson Nov. 24, 1850.
Albertus D. Berry was married to Sarah J. Work of Baltimore Md Apr. 29, 1864.

BIRTHS

George Berry was born Jan. 28, 1783.
Mary Berry, the wife of George Berry was born March 1784.
Polly Berry, the wife of George Berry was born July the 11, 1794.
Franklin Berry was born Jan 14th, 1811.
Betsey Berry was born April 3rd, 1816.
Mary P. Berry was born March the 15th, 1819.
William H. Berry was born April the 18th, 1821.
Erastus Berry was born Sept. 14th, 1823.
George O. Berry was born Jan. 20, 1831.
Mary Berry, dau of Franklin Berry was born Jan. 20th, 1837 at Salem, Mich.
Albertus D. Berry, son of Franklin Berry was born July 19th, 1842 at Salem, Mich.
Carrie V. Berry, dau of Albertus and Sarah Berry was born Sept. 26th 1865 at Salem, Mich.
Franklin Berry, son of Albertus and Sarah Berry was born August 6th, 1868 at Salem, Mich.
Walter E. Berry, son of Albertus and Sarah Berry was born Mar. 10, 1873 at Salem, Mich.
John T. Berry son of Wm. H. and Phebe H. Berry was born Aug. 2nd, 1854 at Salem, Mich.
Rose H. Marsh, dau of M. E. and H. Marsh born May 20, 1855.
married Aug. 15th, 1877, John T. Berry and Rose H. Marsh
Children of John T. and Rose Berry
Henrietta Berry born in Flint, Mich., Aug 6, 1878
Erastus Millard Berry born in Salem, Mich., Jan. 15th, 1885.

DEATHS

Mary Berry died May 17th, 1811

Mary P. Berry died March 28 aged 13 days (1819)

Franklin Berry died March 21, 1877
Betsy Berry Keep died Dec. 10th, 1886.
Alvah Keep died Aug. 5th, 1887

Wm. H. Berry of Salem died
Nob [Nov] 4th, 1896
Betsy Ann Berry Stephens died in Salem
Nov. 26, 1901
George Berry died Oct. 20th, 1865
Polly Berry died Sept. 25th, 1877
Walter E. Berry died April 10, I878

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HEMINGWAY FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This Bible record, contributed by the late Charles Liskow, Ypsilanti, Michigan, is of his ancestors. The family was from Framingham, Massachusetts, and New York before residing in Michigan. The title pages were not contributed.

Parents' Record

Father

James Hemingway born July 14th, 1788
James Hemingway and Elmira Frazier, 1st wife, married Jan. 24, 1808
James Hemingway and Phebe Hart, 2nd wife, married Jan. 14th, 1814
Martin Vail born Sept. 14th, 1793
Martin Vail died May 11, 1861
James Hemingway died Aug. 26th, 1881

Mother

Elmira Frazier born Aug. 4th, 1787
Phebe Hart born May 9th, 1785
Phebe Bromley born April 12th, 1797
Martin Vail and Phebe Bromley married April 4th, 1815
Elmira Hemingway died Feb. 6th, 1812
Phebe Hemingway died Aug. 11th, 1846
Phebe Vail died Sept. 14th, 1857

Marriages

William Hemingway and Mary Ann Vail, Sept. 7th, 1837
Helen Josephine Hemingway and John Merritt Lamb, March 29, 1868
James M.V. Hemingway and M. Allice Marsh, december 24, 1874
Mary A. Hemingway and Charles L. Skinner, May 30, 1877
William Hemingway Skinner and Marjorie Taft Edwards, June 17th, 1911
Ruth Emily Skinner and Fred Leo Liskow, Dec. 2nd, 1916

Births

William Hemingway, Nov. 12th, 1815
Mary Ann Vail, Oct. 27th, 1817
Helen Josephine Hemingway, July 19th, 1841
James Martin Vail, July 13th, 1845
Phebe Elisabeth Hemingway, Nov. 11th, 1849
Mary Ann Hemingway, January 28th, 1853
Eva Eliza Hemingway, July 29th, 1860
Dryden Hemingway Lamb, April 25th, 1869
William Hemingway Skinner, August 22nd, 1886
Ruth Emilie Skinner, Aug. 3, 1889

Children of James and Phebe Hemingway

Elmira Hemingway, Nov. 25th, 1814
George F. Hemingway, June 21st, 1817
John M. Hemingway, January 24th, 1819
James H. Hemingway, Aug. 26th, 1822
Hannah Hemingway, Oct. 17th, 1820
William Hemingway, Nov. 12th, 1815.

Children of Martin and Phebe Vail

Lucinda Vail, Jan. 20th, 1816
Bethuel Vail, June 6th, 1820
Ira S. Vail, Dec. 17th, 1823
Mary Ann Vail, Oct. 27, 1817
Charlotte E. Vail, May 27th, 1828
Martha J. Vail, Jan. 21st, 1833
Almeda Vail, March 17th, 1826
Sarah M. Vail, Dec. 18th, 1837

Deaths

Martha J. Vail died June, 1875
Bethuel Vail died July 15, 1880
Mrs. Elmira Emery died 1884
Ira S. Vail died Sept. 5th, 1888
Almeda Millard died May 16th, 1890
Charlotte Axford died Jan. 28th, 1892
Sarah M. Knowles died Oct. 18th, 1895
William Hemingway died Dec. 28, 1884
James M.V. Hemingway died Oct. 7, 1889
Mary Ann Vail died May 20, 1892
Phebe E. Hemingway died July 28, 1909
Helen Josephine Lamb died March 11th, 1923
Eva V. Hemingway died Dec. 24th, 1922

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PETER S. HANSON FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This Bible record was kindly donated to the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan, by the Milan Area Historical Society. It was located at the Historic Hack House in Milan, Michigan.

The Holy Bible. Auburn: Published by Alden, Beardsley & Co.
Rochester: Wanzer, Beardsley & Co. 1852

Angeline P Hanson's Book, Milan, Mich., Monroe Co.

Family Record

Births	**Deaths**
Peter S Hanson was Born September 25th 1821	Died Nov. 11, 1913
Angeline P Hanson was Born December the 4, 1829	Died July the 9, 1870
Son Born February The 6th 1851	Died February the 6, 1851
Oscar M Hanson was Born March the 3, 1852	Died February the 27, 1853
Orton M Hanson was Born October the 18, 1853	Died September the 6, 1854
Celora M Hanson was Born April the 29th 1856	
Elva R Hanson was Born July the 11, 1857	
Ida S Hanson was Born May the 25, 1860	
Viona V and Viola V Hanson was Born January the 24, 1862	
	Viola Died March the 8, 1862
Edgar M Hanson was Born June the 7, 1864	Died July the 11, 1864

Marriages

Peter S Hanson Married to Angeline P Phillips December the 4, 1849

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IN MEMORIAM

CLARENCE "MAC" WILLIAM WOOD

JANUARY 16, 1923 - FEBRUARY 26, 2008

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QUERIES AND REQUESTS

ASHDOWN
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BENEDICT
BUNCE
DASKAM
HARTUNG
JOHNSON
McMULLEN
VAN SHARP
VAN SCHERPE
VAN SCHERPENZEEL
WESTPHAL/WHEELER

Sk proof that Robert Daskam (1801-1880) who marr. Anna Marie Wheeler (1807-1891) is the s/o John Daskam (1759-1834) who marr. Louisa Bunce, and that Edward Daskam (1843- 1928) who marr. Henrietta J. McMullen, then Osca Bemis and John Washington Daskam (1830-1912) who marr. Caroline Ashdown (1835-1923) are his grandsons. Edward b. in Steuben, Canton, NY. In 1860 he was in Chilton, Calumet, WI, with Robert, Maria and fam. Edward marr. Henrietta J. McMullen 2 Jan 1871 in Calumet, WI. In 1880 they were in Brillion, Calumet, WI. Edward and Osca moved to Ann Arbor in 1911. Dau Edna marr. Harris J. Benedict, dau Edith marr. Peter Van Scherpenzeel (also written as Van Sharp or Scherpe). Edna, Edward, Mary (d/o Edward and Henrietta) Hartung and Barbara (d/o Edna and Harris) bur. Forest Hill, Ann Arbor. Sk descendants who might have family documents.

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BONSTEEL
KENYON
LARSEN
TUTHILL
WHITEHORN

Dr. Orrin Squire Bonsteel b. ca 1836 NY d. 1910 and his wife Mary Kenyon b. ca 1833 NY d. 1894 res. in Milo, Yates Co., NY in 1850, Plymouth, Wayne Co., MI in 1860 and in 1870 in Ypsilanti, MI. Dau Hattie M. Bonsteel b. ca 1854/5 MI res. in Ypsilanti through 1930. Orrin and Mary are bur. in Highland Cem, Ypsilanti, along with Hiram Kenyon, Mary's brother. A relative Lucretia Whitehorn marr.1) George Sylvester Kenyon, marr. 2) Charles Tuthill and res. MI. Sk death recs for all.

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CARSON
HOPKINS
HOWARD
MUIR
STEVENS

William Peter Carson, b. NY ca 1831. In 1850 living with Sarah Stevens age 57 b. MA in Canandaigua, Ontario, NY. *FHC* Vol 13 p. 8 reported death of his mother in Canandaigua, NY age 82 in 1890. He marr. at Saline, MI, Harriet S. Howard, d/o Joseph & Polly Hopkins Howard b. Saline, April 1, 1840. 1870 census William-39, Harriet-30, Ida-11, Harriet-5 (near Wm & Emily Muir); 1880 census William-49, Harriet-39, Hattie-14, William H.-3. Son- Wm. Howard Carson marr. Margaret Belle Muir, May 12, 1899. Ch: Marshall, Eleanor, Margaret, Frederick (Teddy), Virginia; next, Aaron Hopkins Carson, Capt. Ypsilanti Fire Dept d. May 1966 at a fire; last, Frances Louise Carson, b. Oct. 30, 1921 (mother of writer). Sk more info abt William Peter. Why did he come to MI? Did he come with the Howard Family in 1838?

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